

**CLAIMS**

1. A method for exposing order status in a supply chain having disparate systems, comprising:
  - receiving an order from a first trading partner system, said order initiating a transaction;
  - linking a status reported by a second trading partner system corresponding to said transaction, wherein said first trading partner system and said second trading partner systems are disparate systems; and
  - reporting said linked status corresponding to said transaction, said status formatted for a particular channel.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said linking step comprises:
  - receiving an identifier for said status reported by said second trading partner, said identifier corresponding to said transaction; and
  - linking said received identifier to an assigned unique identifier corresponding to said transaction.
3. The method according to claim 1, wherein said reporting step is responsive to a query received from an access platform, said access platform accessible by customers and said trading partners.

1 4. A method for exposing order status in a supply chain having disparate systems,  
2 comprising:

3 receiving at a central exchange, an initial order for a transaction from one  
4 of a plurality of trading partners having disparate systems, said central exchange  
5 assigning a unique identifier for said initial order to said transaction;

6 linking an identifier identifying an activity status from said trading  
7 partners for said transaction to said unique identifier; and

8 responsive to a request for information, providing said requested  
9 information to a requester based on said linked identifier and said unique  
10 identifier, said requested information formatted for a selected channel.

1 5. A system for exposing order status in a supply chain having disparate systems,  
2 comprising:

3 a trading partner exchange (TPE) communicatively interfaced to a plurality  
4 of trading partners, said TPE identifying an initial transaction and linking  
5 corresponding trading partner transaction status information with said initial  
6 transaction;

7 an access platform communicatively interfaced with said TPE, said  
8 access platform formatting said transaction status information according to a  
9 selected channel format; and

10 an access interface communicatively linked to said TPE, said access  
11 interface facilitating communication with said access platform.

1 6. A machine readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having  
2 a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for  
3 causing the machine to perform the steps of:

4 receiving an order from a first trading partner system, said order initiating  
5 a transaction;

6 linking a status reported by a second trading partner system  
7 corresponding to said transaction, wherein said first trading partner system and  
8 said second trading partner systems are disparate systems; and

9 reporting said linked status corresponding to said transaction, said status  
10 formatted for a particular channel.

11 7. The machine readable storage of claim 6, wherein said linking step comprises:

12 receiving an identifier for said status reported by said second trading  
13 partner, said identifier corresponding to said transaction; and

14 linking said received identifier to an assigned unique identifier  
15 corresponding to said transaction.

1 8. The machine readable storage according to claim 6, wherein said reporting step  
2 is responsive to a query received from an access platform, said access platform  
3 accessible by customers and said trading partners.

1 9. A machine readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having  
2 a plurality of code sections, said code sections executable by a machine for  
3 causing the machine to perform the steps of:

4 receiving at a central exchange, an initial order for a transaction from one  
5 of a plurality of trading partners having disparate systems, said central exchange  
6 assigning a unique identifier for said initial order to said transaction, said  
7 receiving step for exposing order status in a supply chain having disparate  
8 systems;

9 linking an identifier identifying an activity status from said trading  
10 partners for said transaction to said unique identifier; and

11 responsive to a request for information, providing said requested  
12 information to a requester based on said linked identifier and said unique  
13 identifier, said requested information formatted for a selected channel.